

BROAD-BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

Broad-based categorical eligibility refers to the policy that makes most, if not all, households categorically eligible for SNAP because they receive a non-cash TANF/MOE funded benefit or service, such as an informational pamphlet or 800-number. The below chart describes which State agencies implemented broad-based categorical eligibility, what TANF program they used to confer categorical eligibility, the asset limit of the TANF program, and the gross income limit of the TANF Program. Broad-based categorical eligibility cannot limit eligibility; it does not impose a SNAP gross income limit on seniors and disabled households. Households with seniors or disabled members who are not eligible for the TANF program used to confer categorical eligibility may receive SNAP under regular program rules. Households with elderly or disabled members need only meet the net income limit under regular SNAP rules.

STATE AGENCIES (41)	TANF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	TANF PROGRAM ASSET LIMIT	GROSS INCOME LIMIT OF TANF PROGRAM (% OF FPG) ¹
Alabama	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Arizona	All households are eligible (referral on application)	No limit on assets	185%
California	All households are eligible (pamphlet)	No limit on assets	130%
Connecticut	All households (Help for People in Need brochure)	No limit on assets	185%
Delaware	All households are eligible (application refers to pregnancy prevention hotline)	No limit on assets	200%
District of Columbia	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Florida	All households are eligible (notice)	No limit on assets	200%
Georgia	All households are eligible (TANF Community Outreach Services brochure)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Guam	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	165%
Hawaii	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Idaho	All households are eligible (flyer about referral service)	No limit on assets	130%

¹ This column represents the gross income limit for the TANF-funded benefit for households with no elderly or disabled members.

² In these states, households with seniors or people with disabilities and gross income under 200 percent of poverty do not face an asset limit. Those over 200 percent of poverty are not categorically eligible and do face a \$3,000 asset limit.

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Illinois	All households (guide to services brochure)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Iowa	All households are eligible (notice of eligibility)	No limit on assets	160%
Kentucky	All households (resource guide)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Louisiana	All households (information handout)	No limit on assets	130%
Maine	All households (resource guide)	No limit on assets	185%
Maryland	Only households that include related children age 17 or under or a related child age 18 or 19 who will graduate from high school by 19 (referral to services on application)	No limit on assets	200%
Massachusetts	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Michigan	All households are eligible (domestic violence brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Minnesota	All households are eligible (domestic violence brochure)	No limit on assets	130%
Mississippi	All households are eligible (language on notice)	No limit on assets	130%
Montana	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	200%
Nevada	All households are eligible (pregnancy prevention information on application)	No limit on assets	200%
New Hampshire	Households with at least one dependent child (brochure)	No limit on assets	185%
New Mexico	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	165%
New Jersey	All households are eligible (brochure)	No limit on assets	185%
New York	All households are eligible (brochure mailed yearly)	No limit on assets ²	130%
North Carolina	All households are eligible	No limit on assets	200%
North Dakota	All households are eligible (Statement on application/recertification forms and pamphlet)	No limit on assets	200%
Ohio	All households (Ohio Benefit Bank info on approval notice)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Oklahoma	All households (certification notice has website & 800-number about marriage classes)	No limit on assets	130%

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Oregon	All households (pamphlet)	No limit on assets	185%
Pennsylvania	All households (pamphlet)	No limit on assets ²	160%
Rhode Island	All households (publication)	No limit on assets ²	185%
South Carolina	All households (pamphlet)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Texas	All households (Info on various services provided on application)	Asset limit of \$5,000 (excludes 1 vehicle & includes excess vehicle value)	165%
Vermont	All households (bookmark with telephone number and website for services)	No limit on assets	185%
Virgin Islands	All households (brochure)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Washington	Non-assistance households (Info & Referral Services website provided on approval letter)	No limit on assets	200%
West Virginia	All households (Information and Referral Services program brochure)	No limit on assets ²	130%
Wisconsin	All households (Job Net Services language on approval and change notices)	No limit on assets	200%

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